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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: S. Nolan
David W. Johnson)
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Serial No.: 09/334,054) Art Unit: 1772
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Filed: June 15, 1999) Dept. Acct. No.: 04-1403
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Title: Elastomeric Article with)
Fine Colloidal Silica)
Surface Treatment and)
Its Preparation)

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 13, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 12 through 14 to read as follows. A copy of the claims showing the changes are included as Appendix A.

(Signature) 12. (Amended) A surface-modified article, comprising:
an elastomeric matrix having an outside surface; and
a plurality of colloidal silica particles adhered to at least a portion of the outside
surface of the matrix but not extending through the thickness of the matrix, at least
certain of said silica particles being partially embedded within the outside surface of said
elastomeric matrix; the colloidal silica particles being affixed to the outside surface of

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